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DEAN BORSCH TO TAKE PRINCETON CHAPEL POST

PRINCETON, N.J. -- The Very Rev. Frederick Houk Borsch, of the Episcopal Church's Church Divinity School of the Pacific, has been appointed dean of the Princeton University Chapel, University President William G. Bowen has announced. He will succeed Dean Ernest Gordon, who will be on sabbatical leave during the academic year 1980-81, prior to his retirement on June 30, 1981.

Dean Borsch, a priest in the Episcopal Church, is currently president, dean and professor of New Testament at the Divinity School, a constituent part of the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, Calif.

Prior to assuming his current position in 1972, Dean Borsch was professor of New Testament at the General Theological Seminary in New York City for the year 1971-72. He served earlier as assistant professor and associate professor of New Testament literature and languages at Seabury-Western Theological Seminary in Evanston, Ill. During that period he also served as an assistant minister at St. Luke's Church in Evanston (1967-71) and as executive director of the Chicago Theological Institute (1969-70).

Borsch received his B.A. in 1957 from Princeton. He went on to earn B.A. and M.A. degrees at Oxford University. After receiving his S.T.B. from the General Theological Seminary in 1960, he was ordained a deacon and a priest in the Episcopal Church the same year.

Dean Borsch returned to England to earn a Ph.D. at the University of Birmingham in 1966. During the period 1963-66 he was a tutor for New Testament studies at Queen's College, Birmingham, and a lecturer and examiner at the University of Birmingham.

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He is the author of The Son of Man in Myth and History (1967); The Christian and Gnostic Son of Man (1970); God's Parable (1976); and Introducing the Lessons of the Church Year: A Guide for Lay Readers and Congregations (1978). He has also written articles and reviews in theological journals, books and magazines.

Borsch married Barbara Edgeley Sampson in 1960. They have three sons.

Borsch's appointment is effective July 1, but because he will not be able to assume active responsibility on that date, interim arrangements have been made.

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